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"THE DAMNED STUFF CALLED  
ALCOHOL."

I believe that alcohol, to a certain  
degree, demoralizes those who make  
it, those who sell it, and those who  
drink it.

I believe from the time it issues  
from the coiled and poisonous worm  
of the distillery until it empties into  
the hall of crime, death and dishonor,  
it demoralizes everybody that touches  
it.

I do not believe that anybody can  
contemplate the subject without be-  
coming prejudiced against this liquid  
crime.

All you have to do is to think of the  
death—of the suicides, of the insanity,  
of the poverty, of the ignorance, of  
the distress, of the little children tug-  
ging at the faded dresses of weeping  
and despairing wives, asking for  
bread; of the men of genius it has  
wrecked; of the millions who have  
struggled with imaginary serpents  
produced by this devilish thing.

And when you think of the jails, of  
the almshouses, of the prisons, and of  
the scaffold upon either bank, I do  
not wonder that every thoughtful man  
is prejudiced against the damned stuff  
called alcohol.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.

"Keep Church and State forever  
separate"—GRANT.

"In no sense whatsoever is this govern-  
ment founded upon either the Christian  
religion"—WASHINGTON.

"The divorce between Church and  
State should be absolute."—Garfield.

WANTED—The name and address of  
every farmer in the U. S. that has  
a drilled seed well, or contem-  
plated having one put down. Hills  
& Ross Co., (well specialists), Me-  
dina, Wisconsin. 1-177.

## WHERE IS HUDSON?

"CLAIRVOYANT" WHO "LIT" THE  
MORNING DEMOCRAT'S "PIPE"  
IS ABSENT AND SO ARE  
TWO VALUABLE DIAMOND RINGS.

(Lexington Leader.)

Charles Hudson, otherwise known  
as Edmund Bell, clairvoyant and pro-  
moter, is absent from the city, after a  
brief but interesting sojourn, and the  
police would be delighted to procure  
some clue that would lead to his  
whereabouts.

The charge lodged with the police  
is that Hudson stole two diamonds  
worth about \$1,000 from a society  
woman of Lexington, who had too  
much confidence in the occult powers  
of the smooth "clairvoyant."

Some time ago Bell, or Hudson,  
came here and established parlors at  
508 North Limestone street, from a  
society woman of Lexington, who had  
too much confidence in the occult powers  
of the smooth "clairvoyant."

He took the two rings, and applied  
to Mr. Hudson to find it for her. The  
clairvoyant was delighted to be of any  
service he could to us. "good lady"  
and felt satisfied that he could yank  
... locket from the reluctant grasp  
of mystery that surrounds it and no-  
ticing two handsome solitaires on her  
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low his instructions. She said she was  
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Expressing wonder the locket had  
not been found, the "clairvoyant"  
took the envelope, with the assurance  
he would not fail this time, manipu-  
lated the envelope and gave her an-  
other, with instructions to wear it for  
nine days, and think constantly of the  
lost locket. Then Hudson did the dis-  
appearing act. On Wednesday the  
lady opened the envelope and found  
two small cakes of soap.

It seems that the loser of the di-  
amonds was not the only one who  
proved "easy" for Mr. Bell. He  
had not been here long till he suc-  
ceeded in getting an audience with  
a glibness and fluency that the Morning  
Democrat. He looked "good" to the  
reporter and what he handed out to  
the journalist was swallowed with re-  
lish. The next day the esteemed Dem-  
ocrat confided interesting information  
to the public that Lexington was  
soon to have a Marconi station of  
wireless telegraphy to connect Europe  
with the World's Fair, Jack's Creek  
with Rithopia, and several other lines  
of communication that would make  
the city famous. Two weeks was all  
the warning the people were given as  
to the time of its establishment.

Two weeks expired, but no wireless  
station reared its lofty turret "in our  
midst." The Leader investigated and  
found that Bell was the man who lit  
the Democrat's "pipe." The story  
was a good one but it seems that no-  
body lost any rest over the "station"  
except the Democrat, which the "choly  
boys" about town are now morning  
as a sure winner in the early spring  
handicap for the "easy stake."

Comment—I want it distinctly un-  
derstood that I am for Colonel Hud-  
son-Bell (the only kind of hyphenated  
name that has any sense in it) by a  
very large majority. I don't hope that  
the police won't get him, but I  
hope he will soon come back in per-  
son, or send some other member of  
his business firm, and get any other  
money and valuables that the class of  
women who patronize "clairvoyance,"  
and "general all around hand" with  
the spirits may have to blow in  
that kind of a graft.

This paper has a good many Spiritu-  
alist friends, who have been giving  
me the devil for what I said about the  
St. Louis Spiritualist medium, Scott,  
who robbed the woman of \$300, and  
I have got to say something to hold  
my Spiritualist patronage. I am glad  
Colonel Hudson-Bell got the

swag of those Lexington women, for  
it makes just that much less for  
them to have to blow in on priests and  
preachers, and as between the sky-  
bustlers and the g. a. r. h. m. w. t. s.,  
I am for the "general all around."

Walton, of the Democrat, has made  
a great big fortune by advertising the  
"Pink Cottage Miracles" of Rev. George  
O. Barnes, and Waltie everlastingly  
believes in the miracle business, "for  
revenue only" and he gave the Col-  
onel an "ad" that said he could just  
discount any trick from Moses and the  
magicians of Egypt down to Dowie, but  
you can just bet your sweet life that  
the Colonel didn't get away with any of  
Waltie's swag. Colonel's "ad" all paid for  
in advance. One miracle man is too smart  
to trust any other one.

## FOR RUSSIA'S SAKE

RUSSIA SHOULD LOSE.

The best thing that could happen  
for the Russian people, and for Russia  
as a nation, would be to suffer de-  
feat in the present war.

Why? Because her success will add  
to the glory of, and strengthen the  
hold of plutocracy in Russia. Her de-  
feat will tarnish their glory and weak-  
en the cruel clutch her rulers have  
always held upon the bodies and  
brains of the people.

Her defeat would most probably pre-  
cipitate a revolution in Russia. All  
that is needed right now is a few  
brave leaders and organization.

The defeated Russian soldier com-  
ing home would be quick to join the  
Revolutionists and finally bring despot  
and priest from their bloody thrones.

Even Russian success may bring this  
about. They may barely defeat the  
Japs and be compelled to return home  
with poorly earned laurels. In the  
meantime Russians from all parts of  
the Empire have met each other in the  
ranks, and become acquainted, and  
will learn of each other and discuss  
their relations to State and  
church. There will be plenty of Nihil-  
ists and Socialists in the ranks, and  
spread the ideas of patriotism, and  
the Russian soldier, having once bot-  
tled down in long years, will be  
come infected with new ideas of  
economics and government.

In Russia no organizations of any  
kind are allowed. Men are not per-  
mitted to congregate and discuss  
State and social affairs. But the  
army will give them this opportunity  
and thousands will awaken, as from  
a dream, as they discuss the situation  
with each other.

If the Russian arms are defeated,  
the returning soldiers will carry back  
a bitter discontent, which will not  
slumber. They will realize that they  
have only been the instruments of  
murder or greed. If Russia is whip-  
pled, look for a revolution to follow.

Let us all hope that she will meet  
with thorough humiliation, that the  
seeds of discontent will be sown so  
thickly at home, that they will spring  
up and grow rank with revenge.

This will mean civilization to Russia.  
A constitution, freethought, free  
speech, progress, education, happiness  
for her labor suffering enslaved people.

The Japs have made more progress  
in the last thirty years, beginning with  
the very lowest of the ladder than the  
Russians have made in all their na-  
tional existence. The defeated Russian  
is bound to learn the reason why, and  
that it is up to him to stand for in-  
tellectual liberty, if he too would pro-  
gress.

This will afford the Russians the  
opportunity to get together and  
talk all matters over affecting their  
welfare. It will spread the discontent  
of Socialism all over the Empire, no  
matter how it turns out. If the Rus-  
sian banners come trailing home in  
the dust look for the discontent of the  
army to join the ever slumbering dis-  
content of the masses and burst into  
a blaze of Freedom with the battle  
cry of Humanity upon fifty million  
lips.

W.

## I LOST THE CLIPPING.

I cut out of some newspaper—Coun-  
ter-Journal, I think—an account of  
some preacher, who was from Ken-  
ucky I think, who stole a big lot of  
money and was sent to the peniten-  
tary.

I lost it somehow. It would have  
been of more interest perhaps if I  
could have given the fellow's name,  
but it really don't make any differ-  
ence about the name or place, just  
the same old story of a preacher  
going outside of his regular profes-  
sion to do some outside stealing.

## THE PRESS

Gives the Middle of the Stage to the  
Millionaire—Are the People Not  
Tired of This Journalistic  
Policy?

By Josephine K. Henry.

I get so tired of reading of and  
hearing about millionaires that I wish  
I could migrate to "Poverty Flat" or  
that I would emigrate to "Jerna-  
sam Golden." It seems to me that  
there is no state and locality would  
suit them exactly. Poor old Mother  
Earth does not seem to be a suitable  
place for the above of such fine folks.

I wish we could colonize those of  
royal blood and royal fortune. The  
American press devotes its greatest  
energy to exploiting the millionaires,  
telling of their summer and winter  
palaces, regal wardrobes and jewels,  
yachts, dinners at \$1,500 a plate,  
sawee collie dogs with a retinue of  
attendants, automobiles, dinners to  
hundreds, weddings as disgusting  
and vulgar display. All this and much  
more is dished up daily to the Ameri-  
can people. The influence of all this  
dishes into the daily conversation of  
old and young until every one must  
ring in the conversation some  
news of some millionaire relative,  
visitor or great grand-father, step-  
daughter's cousin's niece, who is go-  
ing to marry a millionaire, or is be-  
ing divorced from one. It seems to  
me people have gone daff over mil-  
lions, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 and  
don't care for anything else.

Never having had experience in hand-  
ling millions, I only view it from a  
newspaper standpoint, but I do know  
that the average industrious, strug-  
gling man and woman is in the fierce  
battle of life and it requires the great-  
est of nerve to keep one's head above  
the waves.

I know people who sit up and talk com-  
placency of millionaires, who can not  
find twenty-five cents loose change in  
their pockets. This talk of \$100,000  
houses, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 and  
the like is the talk of the person about  
the golden streets, slippers, crowns and  
horns in heaven. Whether these things  
are true or false, they are cruel in the  
extreme, in a country that swarms  
with beggars, paupers, half clad  
poor starving sewing women, legions  
of desperate miners with starved fam-  
ilies, and indigent children working at  
starvation prices in factories and  
stores.

These appalling conditions struck  
the tenderest chord in the heart of our  
own Robert G. Ingersoll, when he said  
"I don't see how it is possible for a  
man to die worth five or ten millions,  
in a city full of want, when he meets  
almost every day the withered hands  
of beggars, and the white lips of wan-  
dering and guarded by policemen to keep  
her from being robbed in this Chris-  
tian country. Think of women wear-  
ing gowns that cost thousands, while  
in the slums of their own cities other  
women are giving birth to wretched  
children in cellars on beds of muddy  
straw, without a garment to put on  
the new born infants, and the sheriff  
knocking at the door to evict the old  
man in travail. An impassable gulf  
exists between our millionaires and  
paupers, and the half way house be-  
tween the two is swarming with  
human beings who are the bone and  
flesh of civilization, the creature  
wealth, the mark of our reality, who  
realize every hour that life's pathway  
has its thorns, its debris, its foul od-  
ors, its dark pestilential scenes, and  
terrible battles which crush that which  
is noblest in the human heart. Strange  
old world this. While the millionaire  
drives his Auto at eighty miles an  
hour and finds death the bastard in-  
fant lies in the morgue; while the mil-  
lionaire girl with royal robes and jew-  
els writes in rose water about Joy,  
Jubilee and Jesus, the wretched out-  
cast, the victim of poverty and lust,  
fills the pauper suicide's grave. While  
the millionaire swells his giving din-  
ners at hundreds of dollars a plate, the  
struggling young man who can not find  
work puts a bullet in his brain.  
Is it any wonder that suicide has be-  
come a fad? Is it any wonder that

all this talk and print about million-  
aires breeds discouragement and des-  
pair? Is it any wonder the masses  
feel that Christianity has dropped  
them through its riddle as slag, and  
turned its pious attention to savages  
in foreign lands? We have miles of  
misery to one millionaire, and the  
Cathedral of our dens of doom over-  
shadows all the splendor of the mil-  
lionaire palaces.

The woman in the millionaire pal-  
ace brings forth a son for Harvard or  
Yale, for reveals at Sherry's, for plun-  
ging at Monte Carlo who dies of gout.  
She brings forth a girl to be traded  
for to rouse princetons for a title. The  
mother in the slums bears children by  
the dozen destined for the prison,  
brothel and gallows, compounds of  
criminals and prostitutes.

After nineteen centuries of the Gos-  
pel of the Galleian, this is the picture  
Ward McAllister made an inside his-  
tory of society's exclusive 400, but the  
sinner cry of outcast America! is still  
to be written.

In the face of all this we go on  
writing and talking about millionaires  
as if we knew what we are talking  
about. But we don't. Who ever saw  
or handled a million dollars outside  
of bankers? Who can realize how  
much money a million is! The people  
in business life who deal in thousands  
of dollars are few in number. A few  
more deal in hundreds, but the great  
masses of the people, and reported rich  
ones, to handle dollars and cents and  
consider themselves lucky if they can  
always have a few of either in their  
pockets. Give us a rest on the mil-  
lionaires. Personally, I have nothing  
against them, but I am weary of hear-  
ing of them. I guess they will go  
right on until they run against some-  
thing they were not expecting. Strange  
things are happening in this old world,  
and stranger things are in the future.  
Versailles, Kentucky.

## INFIDELITY

Now Looked Upon as Evidence of  
Intellectual Weakness Says  
Rabbi Silverman.

NEW YORK, March 27.—According to  
articles published recently in Lon-  
don raising a question as to the suc-  
cess of the ministers of the world in  
spreading the gospel, Rabbi Silver-  
man, of the Temple Emanuel, has de-  
clared that atheism and agnosticism  
are now generally looked upon as  
evidence of intellectual weakness.

"The Ingersollian type," he asser-  
ted, "has almost disappeared from po-  
pular society. There is a tacit under-  
standing that religion is an evidence  
of culture and refinement and that it  
has a wholesome effect upon the de-  
velopment of man."

"There was never a time," he con-  
tinued, "when men of all shades of  
belief were as interested in religious  
study, in worship and practice, as to-  
day. The religious press has increased  
and is successful financially. Theo-  
logically institutions have improved  
and are better endowed. It is no un-  
usual spectacle to see rich men, who  
are millionaires, spend their Sundays  
in teaching the Bible classes."

"These evidences and others that  
could be presented, demonstrate that  
in our own day the ministers have cer-  
tainly not failed. They are a great  
social and even political influence, for  
they exert that silent ethical force  
that is effective in all social and gov-  
ernment reform."

Comment.—This fool Jew is telling  
this string of lies to gain favor with  
the Christians who hate Jews because,  
they say the Jews killed their God.

Russia, the most Christian country,  
has lately been murdering Jews be-  
cause they are Jews, just as people  
kill snakes because they are snakes,  
and every infidel paper in the world  
has damned the Russians because  
they murdered the Jews, and now, for  
our pains we get the lies against in-  
fidelity that this pandering to the  
Christian religion is firing off.

If the "Ingersollian type" is disap-  
pearing it is only because while Inger-  
soll only doubted about the existence  
of a God, and was therefore an Agnos-  
tic, the present infidel is an atheist  
and almost any other preacher or  
college professor or p. sident now oc-  
cupies the position that Ingersoll did.

The mayor of Adelaide, Australia,  
has barred "Elijah" Dowie from using  
any public building for services there,  
declaring Dowie a "disgrace to his  
nationality." Another proof that a  
prophetic, a not without honor save in  
his own country—Lexington Demo-  
crat.

## JERKED TO JESUS

FOR THE MURDER OF A WOMAN,  
IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO  
COLONEL BESS OF LEX-  
INGTON, ON MAY 27.

"If I Have to Go That Way I Can Go  
Like a Man and I Can Meet  
My Maker Without  
a Quiver."

About a year ago a Lexington devil,  
named Bess, murdered a widow wa-  
man and sunk her body in a pond,  
where it was found by some of her  
slaving floating to the top.

Bess has had three trials and has  
been sentenced to death by the three  
juries, the expense to the State being  
very great.

Now he has been sentenced to be  
hung on May 27.

In his speech that he made to the  
Judge, before sentencing was pro-  
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have to go that way I can go like a  
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# CHRISTIAN RELIGION

NOT A SYSTEM FOR IMPROVEMENT—JAPS TO STUDY RELIGION TO SEE HOW MUCH IT ENTERS INTO DAILY LIFE.

By Harriet M. Closs.

The following clipping is from the Chicago Chronicle and is a true estimate of the injustice of our system of religion:

Seattle, Wash., March 24.—A party of wealthy Japanese have arrived to visit the principal centers of the United States, inspect rolling-mills and factories of all kinds, and look into the condition of the poor, examine the practical working of the laws and ascertain if possible whether religious enters to any appreciable extent into the actual daily life of the people.

One of the party, a graduate of a university, said that, after most careful examination, absolutely unprejudiced and free from preconceptions, the Japanese had unanimously and unhesitatingly rejected the religion of the Europeans as something which they did not want and did not need.

Had these representatives of the great Buddhist religion seen an inquiry to the Blue Grass Blade it might have saved the time and expense of personal investigation but now that they have heard and seen and experienced some of the fearful consequences of Christian teaching they are better satisfied than if a report had been given by others.

Imagine the surprise of these Pagans who had heard only glowing reports of the religion of the meek and lowly Jesus, which the missionaries have declared regenerates men, fosters brotherhood and promotes justice. Imagine their surprise when landing from the floating palace of the shipping trust to find swarming the wharves and streets the pinched and poverly representatives of poverty—not poverty as a general term, but the seal of starvation stamped upon many faces. Imagine their disgust upon being jostled by staggering leering and profane pedestrians reeking with the fumes of liquor. Imagine, if you can, their consternation when informed that there are in the United States 60,000,000 outcast women and several millions of illegitimate children. That in this great country which produces enough to supply the world with comforts there are hundreds of thousands of men without work and without homes. That in the industrial field there are millions of child laborers whose minds are dwarfed and bodies maimed. That women toil in filthy sweatshops for the miserable pittance which barely preserves life. That domestic felicity is a thing almost unknown and family tragedies of a score a day are chronic. That lynchings and burnings at the stake are so frequent as to cause little thought or comment. That public officials shamelessly harter their influence and honor. That our penitentiaries and jails are overflowing with criminals reared under Christian teaching. That our almshouses and asylums are crowded with the helpless victims of cruelty and extortion. That the protected corporations demand military assistance to humiliate, crush and if need be kill the producer of wealth. That the immense and valuable church properties escape payment of just taxation. That among God's representatives—the priesthood—is found the highest per cent of criminality. That the dictatorial oppressors of the weak sit highest in the sanctuary. That militarism and imperialism are making men mad with the fever for show and conquest. That human life is regarded only as a commodity to be relinquished at the behest of priest or politician. That church work is carried on by women who have no voice in councils ecclesiastical, and who are excluded from the future heavenly kingdom. That the wealth of the churches of Christendom is so great it cannot be computed while destitution, degradation and despair thrive in the councils ecclesiastical, and who are excluded from the future heavenly kingdom. That the wealth of the churches of Christendom is so great it cannot be computed while destitution, degradation and despair thrive in the

Oh, Yes, these Pagans who are so knowledgeable by students and travelers to be upright and just and reputable citizens, must have been profoundly shocked, not to say supremely disgusted, at the conditions existing in

this much advanced Christian civilization of America.

Some time ago a sear head appeared of how narrowly China escaped being Christianized. It told of how after hearing of the fame of Jesus that a delegation of ecclesiastics were sent Westward to study the system. They traveled to the coast of Ceylon where Buddhism is found in its native purity, and supposing they had located the religion they sought, returned and taught the precepts of the Lord Buddha.

However, this story seems to have been fabricated by some enterprising missionary as Prof. Samuel Real in "Religious Systems of the World," says: Buddhism was introduced into China 123 B. C. by Ho-Ku-Ping, hence it would be impossible for the ecclesiastics to have heard of Jesus 123 years before his birth or 450 years before his church was established in Rome.

Perhaps, though, the philosophers from old Cathay may have had visions and prophesied the coming of our Lord Jesus as the Bible prophets are said to have done. We often hear the expression, "If Christianity were not true it would not have persisted during the centuries," but, please remember that the Buddhist philosophy has persisted many centuries longer than Christianity and its adherents outnumber the Christians by ten of millions.

The fact that many of the vaunted English, French and German scholars repudiate Christianity should have warned (like Japanese pilgrims) that Buddhism is a better working proposition than Christianity. The great English student, Sir Edwin Arnold, who is said to have seen his life in the teachings of Buddha and wrote much in their favor.

Japan has made rapid strides in material progress during the past generation, and has been with a favor by western civilization, but if she is so highly educated or so intelligent as to declare against the religion of Jesus Christ, she may as well renounce herself to disintegration for Christian nations will attack her with all the resources of their armaments and destroy her.

I fear for the Pagans of this island flowery kingdom. I tremble with apprehension while I await the result of the religious strife in the East. Webster City, Iowa.

## THE LOUISVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH SQUABBLE.

The Louisville Baptist church, in Louisville, Kentucky, is involved in a long and bitter controversy with a policeman on guard to keep one faction from assaulting the other, as the Mohammedans, in Jerusalem, do to keep the Christian from fighting as to the bogus one of the two graves of Jesus.

The Courier-Journal's second long account of Leonard's preaching ends as follows:

Another Explanation. B. P. Brewer, another of the opposing element, denies that his bitterness against the Rev. Dr. Leonard was engendered because of Mr. Leonard's stand against saloons. "I do not want saloons any more than he does," said Mr. Brewer, "but I objected to the method he adopted to keep them away. I say his methods were not right. Mr. Leonard came to me and asked me to take a bucket and go to the saloon down there on Sunday and buy a bucket of beer, just so he could use me as a witness to prove that the saloon was violating the law. He told me I need not drink the beer, but could throw it away. He offered to give me the money with which to buy it. I told him then that it was not right, and I refused to do it. That is what I do not like about him and the fact that he tried to prevent the issuing of license to the saloonkeeper."

Dr. Leonard and his adherents deny these charges in toto. Dr. Leonard says he had evidence sufficient to show that the saloon should not be allowed to run without resorting to such methods.

## ONE OF THE CRIMES THAT MAKES SOCIALISTS AND ANARCHISTS.

Daniel J. Sully, who recently bulled cotton to 18 cents a pound and made millions of dollars last week, and dropped \$3,000,000 of his gambling receipts. He had twice cornered cotton successfully, and not satisfied with his gain of millions, attempted to bull it again and lost out. But he has considerable left, as he had bought a million dollar residence, and had given his wife \$500,000. He announces that he will soon be on deck again.

What was the result of this man's gratification for gambling, and desperate ambition to grow rich. How did it affect others while this man was indulging his passion of greed?

First, it virtually caused a stagnation in the manufacturing of cotton. It threw out of employment 100,000

cotton operators in this country and 200,000 were forced to illness in Lancashire, England. Men, women and children were made to go hungry and no doubt some died from lack of necessities during sickness.

On one hand could be heard the roar and pandemonium of the New York stock exchange, on the other woman's wretched sobs and famished infant's cries.

A loss of \$7,000,000 is figured in wages to operators and all the suffering such a loss involves. That Daniel J. Sully might gamble in a necessity of life.

Still people wonder why there are Socialists and desperate Anarchists. It is foolish for the government to make laws to keep Anarchists out of the country, as long as it upholds and sanctions conditions which make them right here—so long as it permits stockholders to cover the necessities of life and thus renders homeless and hungry the producer of those necessities.

J. B. W.

## PANIC STARTED IN CHURCH—FIGHT TO GAIN EXIT.

New Haven, Conn.—Twenty persons were injured, four seriously, in a panic which occurred during mass in St. Michael's Roman Catholic church this morning. The church was crowded to the doors, about 1,500 people constituting the congregation. In the midst of the celebration of mass some one raised the cry of fire because of the smell of gas from a broken fixture.

There was a general rush for the exits, and these having become congested the windows were attacked by the crowd. All the windows were smashed and many were injured by the broken glass in efforts to wriggle through.

Cooler heads among the men attempted to restore confidence, but the people fought like mad to reach the outside.

Some one on the street sent in a fire alarm and the police and firemen who responded plunged into the struggling mass of humanity and dragged the injured who were helpless and in danger of being trampled to death from the mass of people.

After the building was emptied the police found several women lying on pews who had fainted at the first alarm. The furniture and fixtures were badly wrecked.

## DEATH OF AN INFIDEL.

"When I am dead my wish is that my body shall be cremated. Then I will that my ashes shall be placed in an urn and taken back to Louisville, my birthplace and the home of my boyhood, and there scattered upon the waves of a beautiful Ohio river. When this is done, if the Angel Gabriel can collect my remains for the judgment, I will take off my hat to him and will be there at the last roll-call."

Mr. Strader was known as an infidel during his life and boasted in his belief that death meant total annihilation. He scoffed at the idea, it is said, of an eternity, and his will is in keeping with that spirit.—Courier Journal.

The above excerpts are from the Courier-Journal which gives a long and complimentary account of Mr. Strader and a picture of him.

## WIFE BEATING PREACHER HAS SENTENCE HELD UP.

Brooklyn, March 25.—The Rev. Henry A. Dorr, of 205 Driggs avenue who was once assistant pastor of Calvary Baptist church in Manhattan, was convicted of wife beating in the Court of Special Sessions here this morning. Sentence was suspended. Justice Kealy, in dissenting from the decision of his colleagues, Justices Fleming and Foker, said that the Rev. Mr. Dorr ought to be made to pay a fine at least.

I am sorry that the court has suspended sentence," said Justice Kealy. "In my opinion this case is not one for suspended sentence. Some punishment should have been inflicted. He should have been fined, at least."

It was brought out in the proceedings that an action for divorce had been begun in the Supreme Court by Mrs. Dorr. Presiding Justice Fleming thought that the decision of the Court of Special Sessions could be used in the coming action and declared in favor of suspending sentence for that reason.

"The action in this court will have no effect upon the divorce proceedings," said Justice Kealy. "The Supreme Court will immediately strike out any testimony as to what occurred here. The defendant, in my opinion, should be fined."

## WHAT RUSSIANS DRINK.

Vodka is the popular Russian drink. It is to the Muscovite what firewater used to be to the aboriginal Indian. It provides him with courage when all else fails, and it will fight to the

death for it. There are eight vodka distillers in the new town of Harbin, the center of Russia industrial and commercial development in Manchuria, and the inhabitants drink vast quantities of the product. Forty-six thousand men are in Harbin. At least 40,000 drink vodka. The daily consumption is 3,000 gallons of about three-fifths of a pint each. That would make for every man about five good drams—nothing at all but for the fact that vodka is about 145 proof; that is, in each 100 gallons there are seventy-two and one-half gallons of alcohol. Vodka is as stronger as schivovitch, and five drinks of which will knock a man silly. For comparison, most of the American whiskey sold over the bar is from ninety to ninety-three proof.

## SUDDEN END OF REV. J. MR. FISHER'S PASTORATE.

Deacon Calls Him Down and Congregation Shuts Him Out of the Pulpit.

Cleveland, O., March 27.—The pastorate of the Rev. J. Alford Fisher, of the Franklin Avenue Congregational church, was terminated today in a sensational manner. Mr. Fisher has, since coming to the church last November, been charged with too liberal views in his pulpit utterances, and he had been asked to resign. His contract, however, extends for three months longer. During the morning services Mr. Fisher spoke of the manner in which many people regard the Bible, declaring that it had been made "a fetish." Thereupon Deacon Thomas Henderson arose in his seat and protested that Mr. Fisher came to the church under false pretenses, for he had accepted the pastorate "as a minister of the Gospel." The congregation then took sides with and against the minister, and a number of persons moved toward the pulpit which Mr. Fisher had meanwhile vacated and prevented him from entering it again during the morning service.

Mr. Fisher will leave Cleveland Thursday. He came to Cleveland from the church of the late Dr. Scudder of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is widely known.

## HOLY WEEK

The Mayor of Jeffersonville, Ind., Forbids Public Balls Until After Easter.

Louisville, Ky., March 28.—By order of the Mayor, Holy Week will be observed in Jeffersonville alike by all classes, in that no public balls will be permitted. Mayor Schwanninger says that society can go free and do as it will after Easter, but on the previous seven days Lent must be respected.

The order has been issued and will be enforced. All public entertainments of a social nature which had been planned for this week have been postponed, and those who do not believe in the observance of Lent and Holy Week have to refrain from merry-making for seven days, whether it is their pleasure or not.

## AT THE PEN

ZANESVILLE GIRL DROPPED HER FINE CLOTHES FOR THE GINGHAM GARB.

COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—(Sp.) There came to the penitentiary today from Zanesville a beautiful 19-year-old girl, who is sentenced to serve two years for forgery. She is Grace Ethell who has been prominent in religious work at Zanesville. Few doubt that she is a genuine kleptomaniac. Her crime was forging the name of a cousin to a \$200 check. The forgery was committed by the young woman as money for raising money with which to entertain some religious workers in Zanesville. She is a mild blonde and was handsomely dressed. At the prison she put on the gingham garb of female convicts, and Warden Hershey shipped her fine clothes back to her Zanesville home.

## PLOT TO ASSASSINATE POPE.

London, March 28.—The London Daily Chronicle asserts that a plot against the life of Pope Pius X. has been discovered. The correspondent writes that the plot was hatched by a selected force of Italian police and soldiers.

The Chronicle is recognized as the chief Roman Catholic organ of Great Britain and it would hardly publish a report of this character unless it felt there was excellent foundation for it.

The French Chamber of Deputies have passed the Government bill prohibiting teaching by all religious orders. At the end of ten years the property of religious orders is to be sold, and money given to them will be returned to the donors. The orders are forbidden to recruit new members.

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## CONSCIENCE STRICKEN AFTER MANY YEARS.

(From Marion (Ohio) Press).

A well known lady of this place received a few days ago a letter from an old neighbor, who now lives in California, confessing that the writer of the letter had once stolen a chicken and also a box of snuff from this lady and asking forgiveness.

She stated she had been attending one of Sam Jones' meetings, and that she was going to mend her ways. She wanted to know the worth of the articles stolen, and said she would make immediate restoration.

## SENTENCE

On Nashville Preacher Who Suborned Testimony is Affirmed.

Nashville, Tenn., March 26.—The sentence imposed upon Rev. B. A. Cherry was today affirmed by the Supreme Court. Rev. Cherry was convicted on the charge of subordination of perjury in procuring false affidavits to support his claim for indemnity

against a fire insurance company and his punishment was fixed at three years.

William Littrell, member of the 11th coast artillery company, was arrested last week at Ft. Adams, charged with complicity in the double killing at Mt. Victory church in Pulaski county, Ky., last summer.

The Rev. George O. Barnes, Irvine, Ky., March 28.—The Rev. George O. Barnes, the noted evangelist of Eastern Kentucky, and of Pink Cottage farm, is in a series of meetings here. Still county is the sixty-first county he has preached in in this tour and it is his purpose to preach in each county of the State.

Mrs. Matthew T. Scott of Lexington President of the Women's Club and a prominent church worker, committed suicide this last week by shooting herself. She was the daughter of Squire Bassett, President of the Fayette National Bank and widow of Dr. Matthew T. Scott, who died a few years ago.